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Ho'oulu Na Pe'a ("Growing the Sails")

Nakoa Foundation

A collaboration between the Nakoa Foundation and Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, Growing the Sails teaches youth about the fundamentals of operating traditional Hawaiian sailing canoes. The year-long program teaches leadership development, land and marine resource stewardship and perpetuates the indigenous beliefs, traditions and practices of native Hawaiians.

Park: Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail



Yaa Khusg □ Yaaw Woogoo – The Knowledge-of-Herring Camp

Sitka School District

The Knowledge-of-Herring Camp provides an exciting, science-driven field camp for Alaskan youth. This week-long marine science camp focuses on the importance of Pacific herring in Southeast Alaska's marine environment and the cultural significance of herring to the people of Southeast Alaska. Students, working both in the lab and in the field, collect plankton, measure water temperature and salinity, dissect herring and study herring taxonomy, biology and ecology. Tlingit elders are also invited to share their traditional ecological knowledge with the students.

Park: Sitka National Historical Park



Support Youth Leadership Adventures in North Cascades National Park

North Cascades Institute

During summer expeditions, students canoe, camp, backpack and complete service projects while receiving hands-on training in outdoor leadership, field science, communication skills and public speaking. By providing unique outdoor experiences and a suite of transformational learning experiences for youth who lack access to such opportunities, this project is building the next generation of conservation leaders.

Park: North Cascades National Park

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Connecting Students to Parks: Engaging Urban and Local Youth in Park Science at Point Reyes National Seashore

Pont Reyes National Seashore Association

The Nature Science Camp program provides field-based, scientific content and experiences that build the next generation of National Park stewards. With help from the NPS Cost Share Grant, the program is expanding to include hands-on science activities, like wetland restoration, creek monitoring, sandy beach monitoring and creek measurement. Specialists also lead visits to historic and natural sites while sharing how they began their careers in science and preservation.

Park: Point Reyes National Seashore



Connecting Los Angeles Youth to the Outdoors

Santa Monica Mountains Fund

This project engages youth in stewardship and outdoor recreation activities, provides natural green space by planting native habitat gardens and connects urban youth to nature through activities in their neighborhoods and field trips to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Activities include urban campouts, campfires, hikes, gardening and service learning projects.

Park: Santa Monica Mountains NRA



Science and Adventure along the San Juan River

Grand Canyon Youth

Local youth, including Native American and other minority populations, are engaging with their National Parks through resource stewardship, citizen science and service-learning projects. With help from the NPS Cost Share grant, underserved youth participants are being transformed into the next generation of National Park ambassadors.

Partner: Glen Canyon NRA

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Heritage Starfest

Entrada Institute Inc.

The Heritage Starfest is an annual two-day event that offers stargazing activities, storytelling, formal interpretive programming, demonstrations and children's programs that reach thousands of people, including local youth. The NPS Cost Share grant supports the event's educational programming and outdoor immersive activities.

Park: Capitol Reef National Park



Building Stewardship Careers Through Cultural Traditions

Bryce Canyon Natural History Association

Bryce Canyon Natural History Association is facilitating a field camp for underserved Southern Paiute youth. The 4-day, 3-night camp features activities that educate participants about their ancestral ties to the area and resource stewardship responsibilities.

Park: Bryce Canyon National Park



Bear Creek Watershed: Engaging People From the City to the Headwaters

Groundwork Denver Inc.

By integrating a continuum of activities around the concept of a watershed, low-income urban youth and adults are engaging with the vast public lands system in Colorado in a meaningful and hands-on way. Participants enjoy outdoor recreation along the watershed while learning about its significance.

Park: Denver RTCA/Rocky Mountain



Jr. Ranger Ambassadors for Green Living

Pea Ridge Elementary School

Pea Ridge Elementary School will soon be enjoying an outdoor classroom in the form of a greenhouse at Pea Ridge National Military Park. In return, the park benefits from the native plants the students grow, helping to restore the battlefield to its 1862 landscape. This collaborative restoration project includes collecting, growing and planting native species, removing exotic species and managing the living landscapes that memorialize the Battle of Pea Ridge.

Park: Pea Ridge National Military Park

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Ticket-to-Float Youth Outdoor Kayak Explorer Program

River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation Inc.

This collaborative pilot partnership program consists of 40 full-day field trips with pre- and post-visit activities serving at least 800 disadvantaged youth and 200 adult youth guardians. The program introduces participants between the age of 10 and 24 to fun, healthy outdoor water recreation as they kayak through history and the great outdoors.

Park: River Raisin National Battlefield Park

Underserved minority youth are teaming up with National Park Service mentors at Biscayne National Park to learn about resource management, outreach, diversity, relevance and - new for this year - cultural resources management. The capstone event of the year-long program is a scuba diving trip where youth map an underwater shipwreck.

Park: Biscayne National Park



Groundwork Jacksonville Timucuan Green Team

Groundwork USA, Inc.

The Groundwork Jacksonville Timucuan Green Team Project will create a year round program providing job training, environmental education and recreation opportunities for youth in an economically and environmentally challenged urban neighborhood in Jacksonville, Florida. This funding will be used for a pilot Green Team summer program which will continue into the following school year 2015/2016 based on this model developed.

Park: Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve



Youth Diving With a Purpose

Diving with a Purpose and Development Group Inc.

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CRNRA Spring Break Water Camp

Chattahoochee Parks Conservancy

Chattahoochee Parks Conservancy is engaging youth, reaching out to urban audiences and connecting communities through its Spring Break Water Camp. Participants hike while learning how the forest cleans the air and water; tour a wastewater treatment facility; participate in a float; and enjoy a family hike and campfire program.

Park: Chattahoochee River NRA



West Louisville Outdoor Recreation Initiative

Louisville Metro Parks

The West Louisville Outdoor Recreation Initiative expands the availability of nature-based outdoor recreational opportunities, environmental education and stewardship-based service learning to minority and low-income residents - particularly youth. The NPS Cost Share Grant is helping enhance recreation infrastructures, like canoe launches, safe fishing areas, soft surface trails and a regional outdoor recreation and environmental education center.

Park: Mammoth Cave National Park

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Youth Service Learning Summer Camp Program at Shenandoah National Park

The Shenandoah National Park Trust

The Youth Service Learning Summer Camp Program provides four week-long service learning summer camp programs at Shenandoah National Park in partnership with Groundwork Trust Anacostia River Washington DC and Groundwork Trust Richmond. Camp participants participate in service learning work projects, such as rehabilitating backcountry campsites and removing invasive plants to restore habitat for native species; learn about critical resource issues from park rangers and resource managers; and experience outdoor recreational activities, including hiking sections of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail.

Park: Shenandoah National Park



Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences: Discovering How National Parks Protect our Natural Resources

SPARK the Education Foundation

The purpose of the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences is to provide an impactful watershed experience for approximately 6,300 Prince William County School students. In addition, the project connects people to the outdoors through hands-on field investigations and 'Hands-on Discovery Days' for the general public.

Park: Manassas National Battlefield Park



Repairs to Replica C&O Canal Boat, "The Cumberland"

C&O Canal Association

Thirty-eight years after being built, a full-sized replica of "The Cumberland," a C&O Canal cargo boat, is being repaired. As a landmark in downtown Cumberland, the boat is an important ambassador for the park, attracting urban Allegheny County residents and students.

Park: C&O Canal National Historical Park

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adventureLAB: Learning in America's Backyard - A Partnership for Urban Outdoor Learning & Adventure

National Park Conservation Association

The National Park Conservation Association and NPS New York City field office are hosting a two-day innovation workshop with the goal of envisioning possibilities and prototypes for how young students in New York City can recreate and play outside in the City's national parks. During this workshop, participating stakeholders will reimagine New York City's urban national park spaces with the intention of increasing their relevancy to New York City youth. This effort is part of a larger initiative to support NPCA's and the National Park Service's goal to ensure that parks matter to all Americans in the 21st century.

Park: New York City RTCA/ Gateway NRA



Taunton River Pathways: Transforming At-Risk Students into Wild & Scenic River Ambassadors

Resiliency Preparatory School

The Taunton Wild & Scenic River is a hidden gem for local residents, especially young people, who have almost no awareness of the close-to-home recreation opportunities it offers. Through this project, at-risk high school students experience and learn about the river's recreational opportunities through hiking, cycling, and kayaking and its natural and cultural resources through interaction with local naturalists, river restoration specialists, environmental activists, artists, planners and historians.

Park: Taunton National Wild & Scenic River



New England Trail College Network: Encouraging Recreation, Stewardship and Community Connections

Appalachian Mountain Club

The Appalachian Mountain Club and Connecticut Forest & Park Association are implementing a series of outdoor activities along the New England National Scenic Trail that focus on recreation, stewardship and community connections. The groups are also establishing mentoring relationships between college outing clubs and local urban high schools.

Park: New England National Scenic Trail